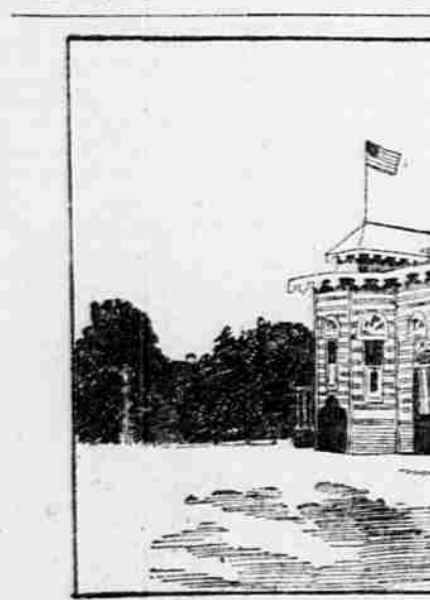


PORTO RICAN NOTES

HOW AMERICANS ARE INVESTING IN THIS NEW LAND.

Observations of The Journal's Own Correspondent Upon the Opportunities That Are Offered to Labor and Capital.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, Oct. 9.—(Special.) This is the age of the sanguine business adventurer who comes to the Southland to wash out of the rich soil of Porto Rico nuggets he failed to find at the Klondike. The man who had not the means of fitting out a three-master to round the Horn and reach the Yukon has the \$20 in gold necessary to reach San Juan. He is full of bright dreams of the new land. The people are delighted and know not the value of their heritage. The land needs but the magic touch of an American enterprise to become an El Dorado.

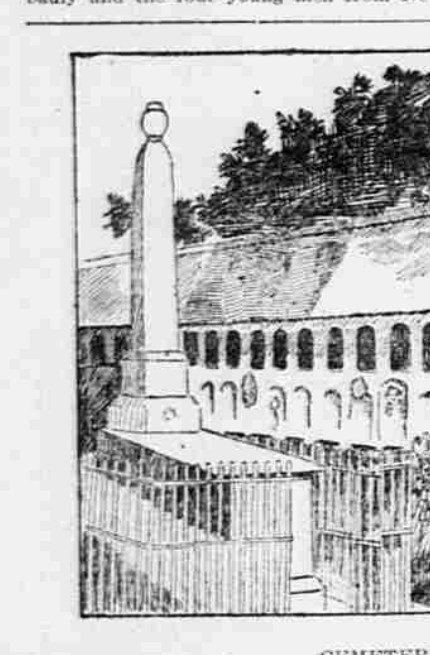


FIRE ENGINE HOUSE, PONCE.

native will be taught to know the beauty of the continuous performance and the Klondike. It took a year of cruel hardship and disappointment to show in what measure the Yukon fall short of being an investor's paradise. It will take a much shorter time to convince the sanguine invader of the hollowness of some of his bright visions. He will find that the land is already "settled" in respect both to the number of inhabitants and the ways and customs of its people. There are more men and women to the square mile here than in the state of Pennsylvania. The mountains are populated almost to their very tops. The hills of dark cluster in every cove, and the valleys are filled with the cane fields, each with its mill and some of the planters own.

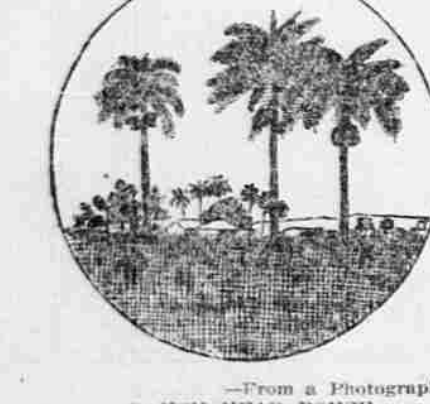
How Some Will Make Money.

There is a class of investor who figures in quick returns and present conditions and makes money in Porto Rico just as he would if he spent the same amount of money in New York, Kansas City or Minneapolis. His cardinal principle is: "What people want very badly, they will pay a good deal for." The Porto Rican who hawks flowers in the path of General Miles wanted American flags and buttons very badly and the four young men from New



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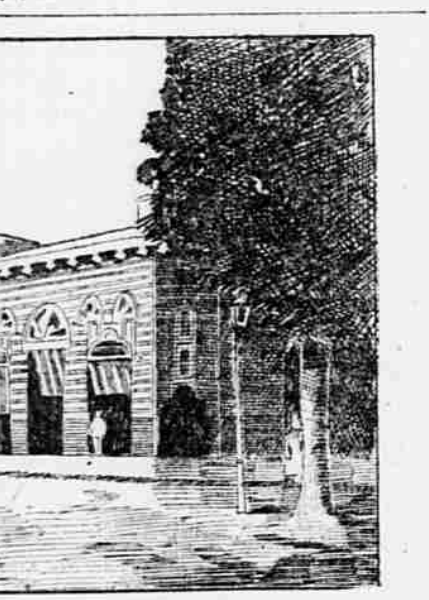
and a quantity of Mauser cartridges to be made up in the form of pencils. One man is making a little margin by exchanging English gold for Porto Rican money and buying back American money with the provincial silver at the rate of \$1.25 to \$1.

There is a distinct class of investors whose special mission is to supply the urgent needs of the Americans themselves. This class build hotels, start saloons, furnish lodgings, open cheap restaurants, sell photographic goods and one quick operator cornered the American papers that came down on a boat recently and employed natives to retail them at 25 centavos apiece.

NEW HARBOR IN PORTO RICO.

It Was Unknown Before the Occupation Because of Slaveholders' Secret Complicity.

Investigations recently made by General Stone in and about the Port of Ponce on the southern coast of Porto Rico may lead to the establishment of a commercial center at an entirely new point on the island. While it is not probable that the constructive business men and merchants of Ponce will ever change their former system of exporting and importing goods from the open roadstead at Ponce port, it is to be expected that the possibilities brought to light by General Stone's investigation of the harbor known to the Spanish marines as Boca del Indio, or the Mouth of the Indio, is a long bay situated to the southwest of Guayama, formed by a point on the east and Calabazas point on the west. No trustworthy information was, however, attainable in regard to this harbor. It had long been supposed that the water shoaled so rapidly at the entrance usually used to admit of getting the transports past the outermost of the two points, that the harbor was not navigable for large ships.



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they became a sure loss to the owners either through their escape to the mainland or through the capture of the vessels. It is readily surmised that much of the information in the old charts was traceable to the slave owners' distrust of seamen.

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FRIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE OF TWO MISSOURI FAMILIES.

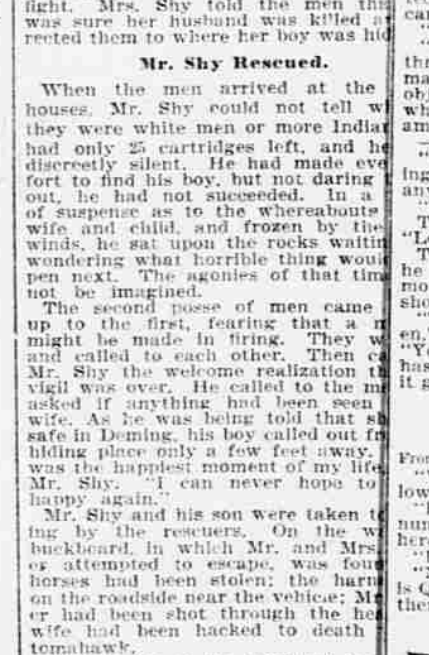
The Story of the Massacre of Mr. and Mrs. Venter, of Sedalia, and Their Hours of Horror Endured by Mr. and Mrs. Shy.

The recent Indian outbreaks in Minnesota have called to mind many thrilling episodes which took place at a time when Gerónimo and his band of fierce Apaches were stirring up strife in the Southwest. Gerónimo was introduced at Omaha the other day and expressed contempt for the foolish tales that are at present being told. He can see the utter folly now of wading near such savages, including grizzly and superior adventures. But there was a time when Gerónimo was not so wily. Mr. John T. Shy, of the Clay Robinson Commission Company of this city, could tell a terrible tale of his fight against the Indians on the morning of November 9, 1885, Mr. and Mrs. Shy and their son, Larry, 11 years old, were in their home and totally unaware that the Indians were anywhere in the neighborhood. Mr. Shy set next a window, looking out at an Indian aiming a rifle at him. Ready for his gun, he called to his family to hide and rushed to the window. He and the Indian fired at the same time. The Indian's aim was true, and Mr. Shy was killed.



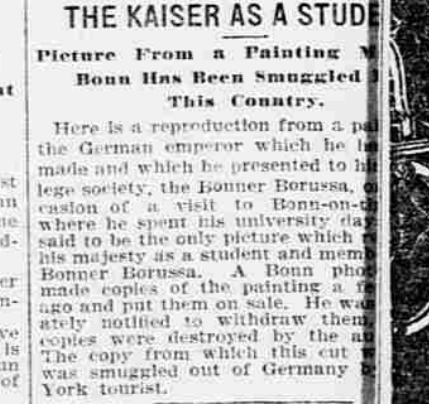
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NERVOUS MAN AND THE CIGAR.

The Actor Had Won Often Before, but This Time the Game Was Against Him.

A whist game was in progress in the buffet room of a downtown hotel. The players and the theatrical man were chance acquaintances of the drummer, and both had proven agreeable companions for an eventful evening. The actor puffed volumes of smoke and played the game well. Unlike the average whist player he possessed a good story to tell and a "post mortem" on the preceding play.



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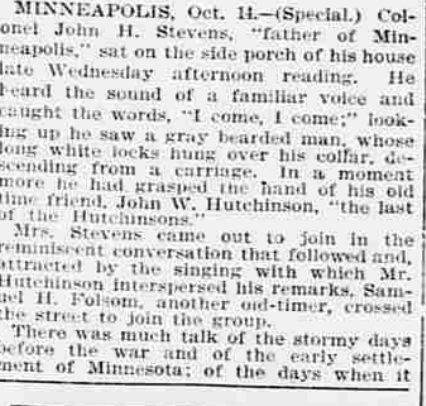
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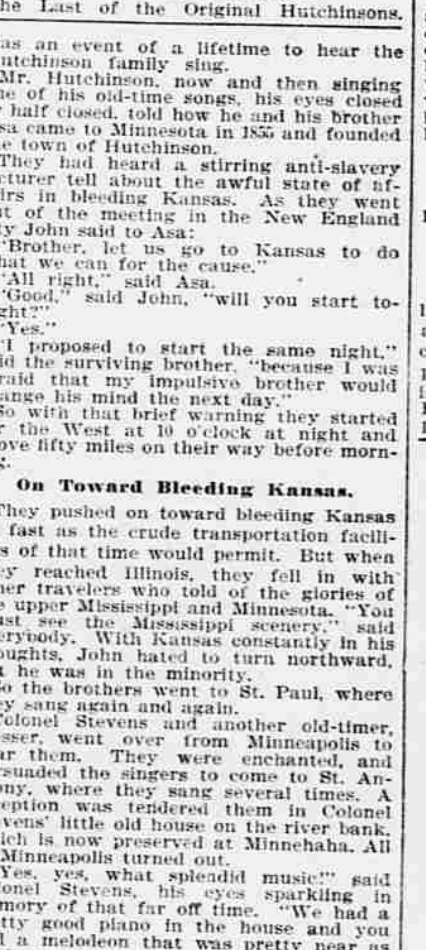
HE IS THE LAST OF THE ORIGINAL HUTCHINSONS.

Recalling Early Days With a Pioneer Friend—How He Started Out to Do What He Could for Kansas.



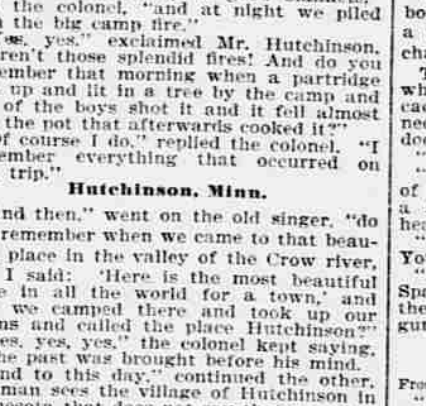
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MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 14.—(Special.) Colonel John W. Hutchinson, "father of Minnesota," sat on the porch of his house Wednesday afternoon reading. He heard the sound of a familiar voice and caught the words, "I come, I come," looking up he saw a gray bearded man, whose long white locks hung over his collar, crouching in a carriage. In a moment more he had grasped the hand of his old friend, John W. Hutchinson, "the last of the Hutchinsons."



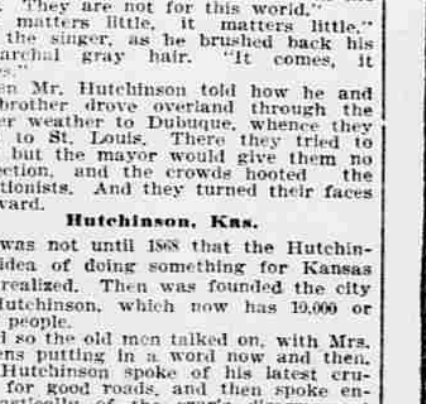
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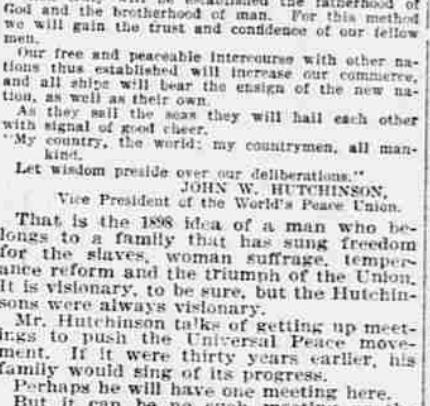
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She Accompanies Her Stock to the Markets—Her Romantic Career—Beginning of Her Business Life.



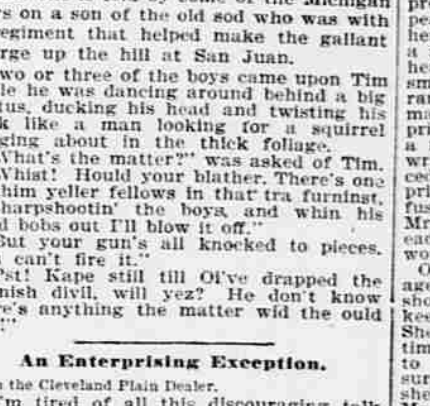
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Mrs. Nat Collins is one of the wealthiest of Montana's stock raisers. She has become a millionaire by stocking the state's vast ranges with cattle and sheep, and is known as "The Cattle Queen of Montana." While many women have endured hardships on the plains, it is safe to state that Mrs. Collins has had a more varied and extensive career as Mrs. Collins. Her whole life has been an active outdoor one, both from necessity and choice.



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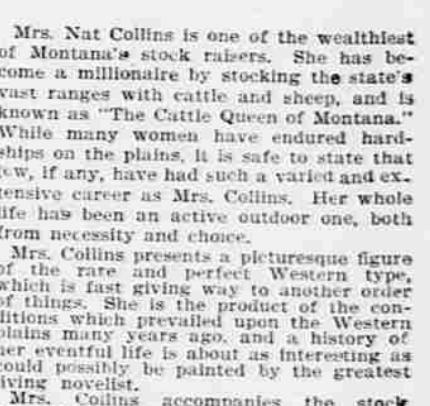
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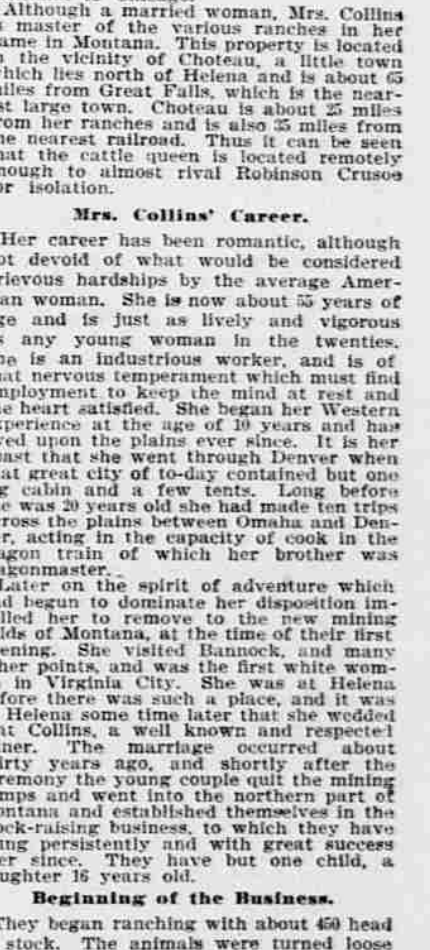
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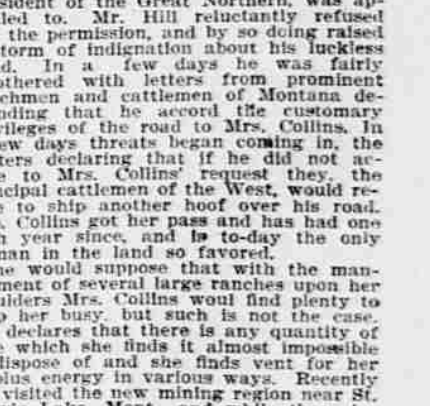
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